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SUBJECT MEETING WITH MOTHERS OF THE PLAZA DE MAYO

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1. AMBASSADOR MET WITH DELEGATION OF
MOTHERS OF THE PLAZA DE MAYO ON MARCH 27
FOR A TOUR DE HORIZON ON THE DISAPPEARANCE
ISSUE. THE MOTHERS EXPRESSED THEIR CONTINUING
ANGUISH THAT THE GOVERNMENT REFUSES TO INFORM
THEM OF THE WHEREABOUTS OF THEIR CHILDREN.
THEY POINTED OUT THAT THE PEN PRISONERS LISTS
WERE OF NO HELP AS THEY CONTAINED ALMOST ALL
KNOWN PRISONERS AND VERY FEW "DESAPARECIDOS."
THE MOTHERS PRESENTED THE AMBASSADOR WITH
A LIST OF TEN CHILDREN BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN
BORN AFTER THEIR MOTHERS DISAPPEARED. THE
MOTHERS INDICATED THAT THEIR CONCERNS ARE
AGGRAVATED BY INFORMAL ASSURANCES THEY HAVE
RECEIVED FROM MILITARY OFFICERS THAT THEIR
CHILDREN ARE ALIVE AND WELL. THEY ASKED FOR EMBASSY
SUPPORT TO FORCE THE-GOA TO RELEASE INFORMATION REGARDING
SECRET PRISONERS.

2. THE MOTHERS QUERIED WHETHER THE SALE OF T-34 TRAINER
AIRCRAFT TO ARGENTINA REPRESENTED A CHANGE IN US POLICY.

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THE AMBASSADOR REPLIED THAT THIS SALE HAD BEEN NEGOTIATED
LONG AGO AND SHOULD NOT BE SEEN AS A NEW HUMAN RIGHTS

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3. THE MOTHERS ASKED IF THE EMBASSY HAD ANY INFORMATION REGARDING THE WHEREABOUTS OF THE DISAPPEARED FRENCH NUNS AND THE OTHER SUPPORTERS OF THE MOTHERS GROUP WHO DISAPPEARED IN SEPTEMBER 1977. THE AMBASSADOR REPLIED NEGATIVELY.

4. IN CONCLUDING, THE MOTHERS THANKED THE AMBASSADOR, THE EMBASSY AND THE USGS SUPPORT IN THEIR EFFORTS TO FIND THEIR MISSING CHILDREN.
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